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SUBJECT: INDIA/ PAKISTAN BORDER INCIDENTS: GOP COMMENTS

REF: NEW DELHI 6257

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN MAY 29 DENIED ALLEGATION ATTRIBUTED TO INDIAN MINISTER OF STATE MITTRA THAT PAKISTAN HAD STEPPED UP MILITARY ACTIVITIES ALONG BORDER. SPOKESMAN TOLD PRESS THAT PAKISTAN WAS DOING NOTHING AT ALL TO CREATE TENSION OR DISTURB PEACE ALONG BORDER WITH INDIA. HE CONFIRMED THAT SOME INCIDENTS HAD TAKEN PLACE ALONG BORDER BUT SAID THEY WERE BEING SORTED OUT BY LOCAL COMMANDERS OF BORDER FORCES. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUCH INCIDENTS WOULD NOT JOCUR.

2. IN REPORTING SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS, GOVERNMENT- CONTROLLED PAKISTAN TIMES OBSERVED THAT HE HAD REFUSED APPORTION BLAME FOR INCIDENTS. PAPER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS " FAIRLY OBVIOUS" INCIDENTS " HAD BEEN PROVOKED BY THE INDIAN BORDER SECURITY FORCE" SINCE PAKISTAN DID NOT STAND TO

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GAIN ANYTHING BY STIRRING THINGS UP ALONG BORDER. PAPER SAID  
SEVERAL INCIDENTS HAD TAKEN PLACE AND THAT BOTH  
INDIAN FORCES AND PAKISTANI RANGERS HAD SUFFERED A FEW  
CASUALTIES AND TAKEN A FEW PRISONERS.

3. COMMENT: WHATEVER ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE IN BORDER  
INCIDENTS, RESTRAINED PAKISTANI RESPONSE INDICATES THAT  
GOP AT THIS STAGE INTENDS PLAY MATTER IN LOW KEY AND  
AVOID PROVOCATIVE EXCHANGE WITH INDIA OVER THESE  
INCIDENTS.  
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